

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A heart stimulator according to claim 6 wherein said fusion avoidance algorithm, when activated, makes the AV-interval generator temporarily prolong the AV-interval.

5 Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) A heart stimulator according to claim 1 further comprising a control unit provided with a stimulation threshold search algorithm.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

10 9. (Amended) A heart stimulator according to claim 8 wherein said stimulation threshold search algorithm, when activated, makes the AV-interval generator temporarily shorten the AV-interval.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

15 Please add the Abstract which is on separately numbered page 13, submitted herewith.

**REMARKS:**

20 The present Amendment makes editorial changes in the specification, drawings, and claims, and adds an Abstract, to conform the present PCT application to the requirements of United States patent practice. The amendments to the claims have been made solely for the purpose of conforming the language of the claims to the requirements of United States 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. No change in any of the claims has been made for the purpose of distinguishing any of the claims over the

25 teachings of the prior art of record. The amended claims are considered to have the same scope as the original claims, and no claim amendment is considered by the Applicants to be a surrender of any of the subject matter encompassed within the scope of the original claims.

Early consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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